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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

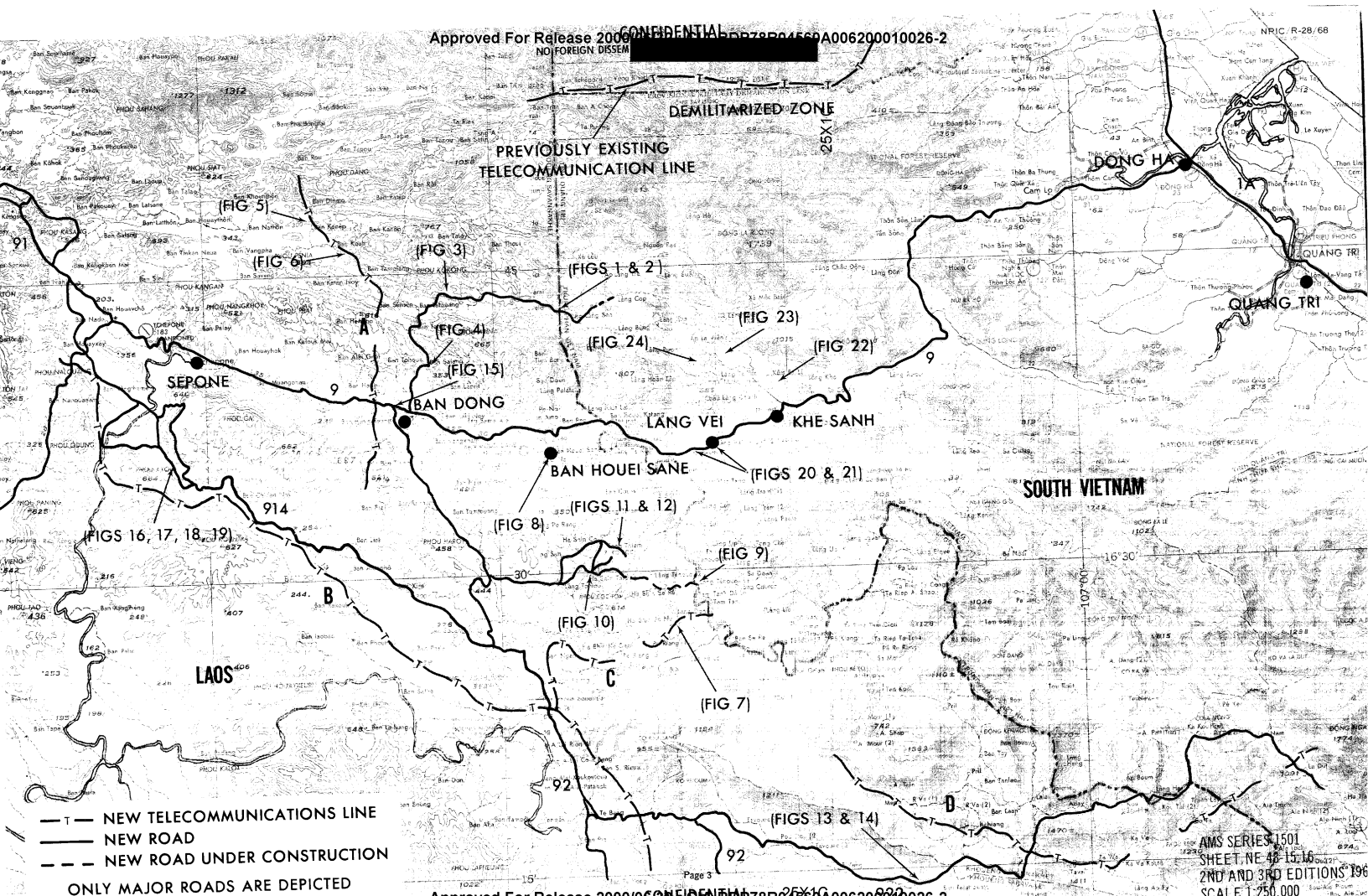
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INTRODUCTION

Items in this compendium are related to the North Vietnamese build-up in that area of the Laotian Panhandle immediately west of Khe Sanh, South Vietnam. Additional photographs of Allied strongpoints in the Khe Sanh area and a listing of relevant cables and briefing boards are included as supplementary material.

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1. Road Extension, Route 92, Laos

25X1D Reactivated road construction is observed north of Route 9 extending
 25X1D to the Laos/South Vietnam border. Construction on this extension, halted
 25X1D between [REDACTED] generally extends north from Ban
 106-26E [REDACTED] to an unnamed stream at 16-43N
 106-26E [REDACTED], where it turns east. On photography of [REDACTED] 25X1D
 road construction consisting of minimal clearing had proceeded through the
 village of Ban Tanang to 16-43N 106-29E [REDACTED] (Figure 3). On
 25X1D the road was in use to 16-43N 106-29E [REDACTED] and
 25X1D intermittent construction extended 0.3 nm inside South Vietnam to 16-42N
 106-33E [REDACTED] (Figure 2). 25X1D

Vehicle tracks on photography of [REDACTED] extend into South
 25X1D Vietnam to 16-43N 106-34E [REDACTED] (Figure 1), and a short road segment
 in mid-stages of construction extends to 16-44N 106-35E [REDACTED]. Three 25X1D
 probable truck park/bivouac areas are located near Ban Salang at 16-40N
 106-26E [REDACTED] (Figure 4) and 16-40N 106-25E [REDACTED] 25X1D
 Each area consists of vehicle tracks extending from Route 92 into heavy
 tree cover. 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D
 NPIC Cable Cite 2914, [REDACTED] 25X1D
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 NPIC Cable Cite [REDACTED]
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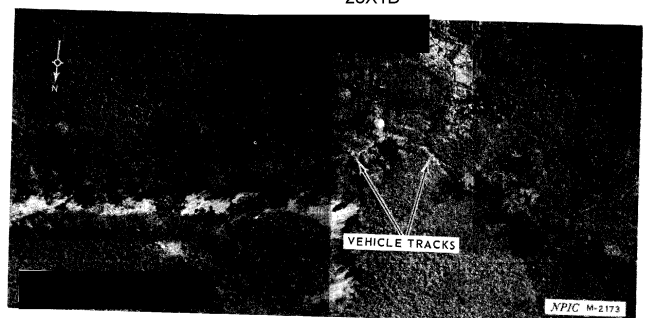
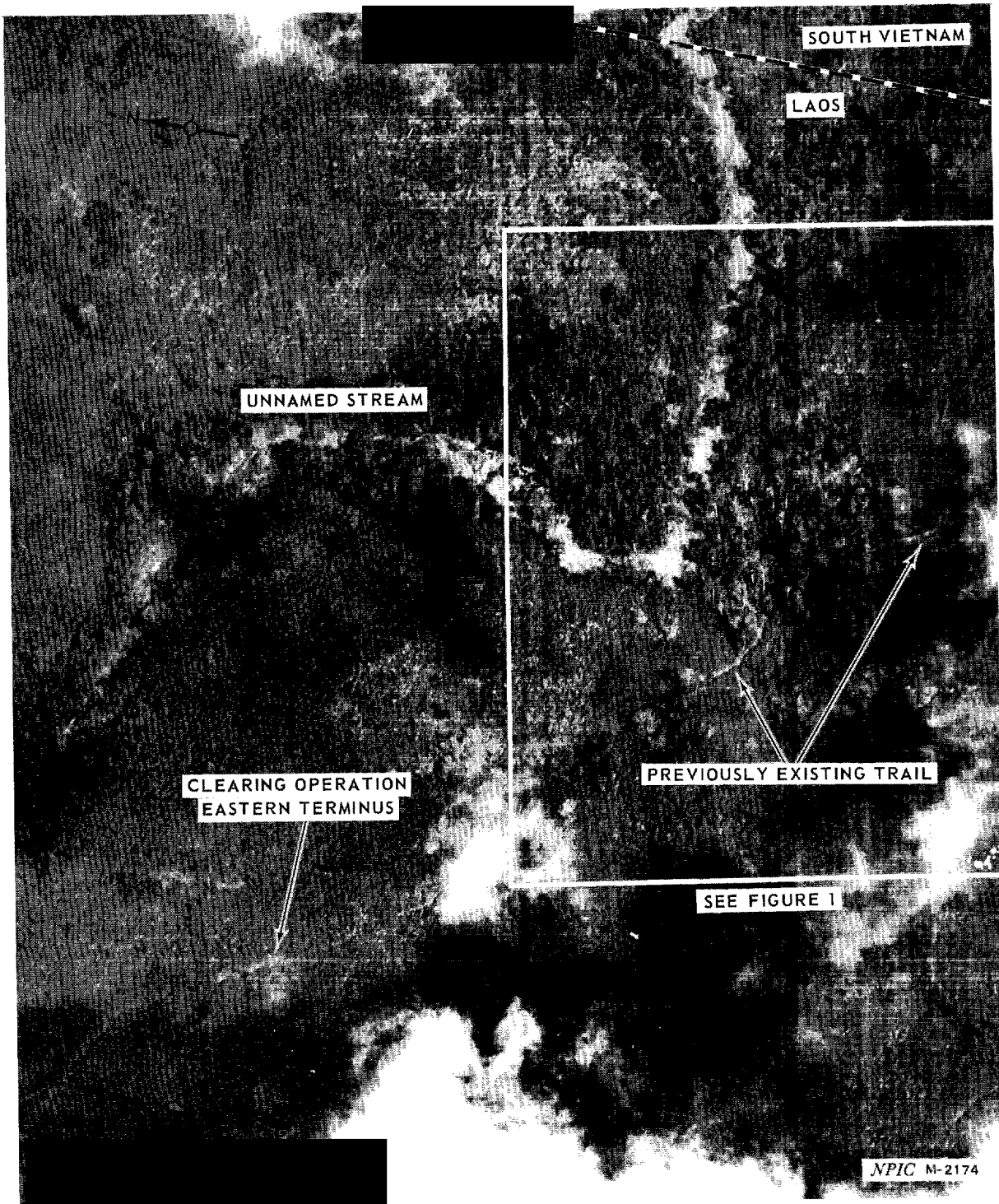


FIGURE 1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 92 EXTENSION, LAOS

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FIGURE 2. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 92 EXTENSION, LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER

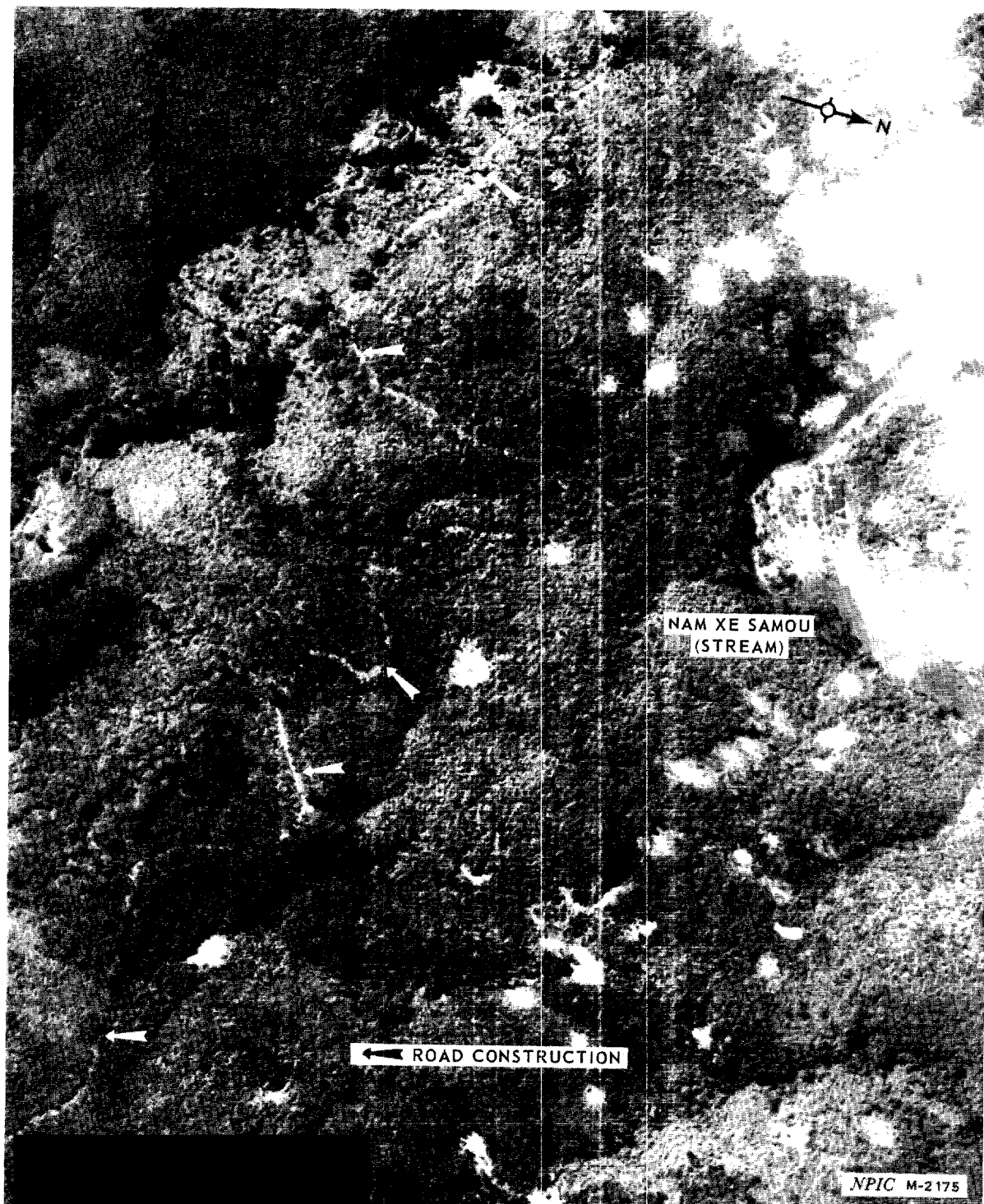


FIGURE 3. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 92 EXTENSION, LAOS

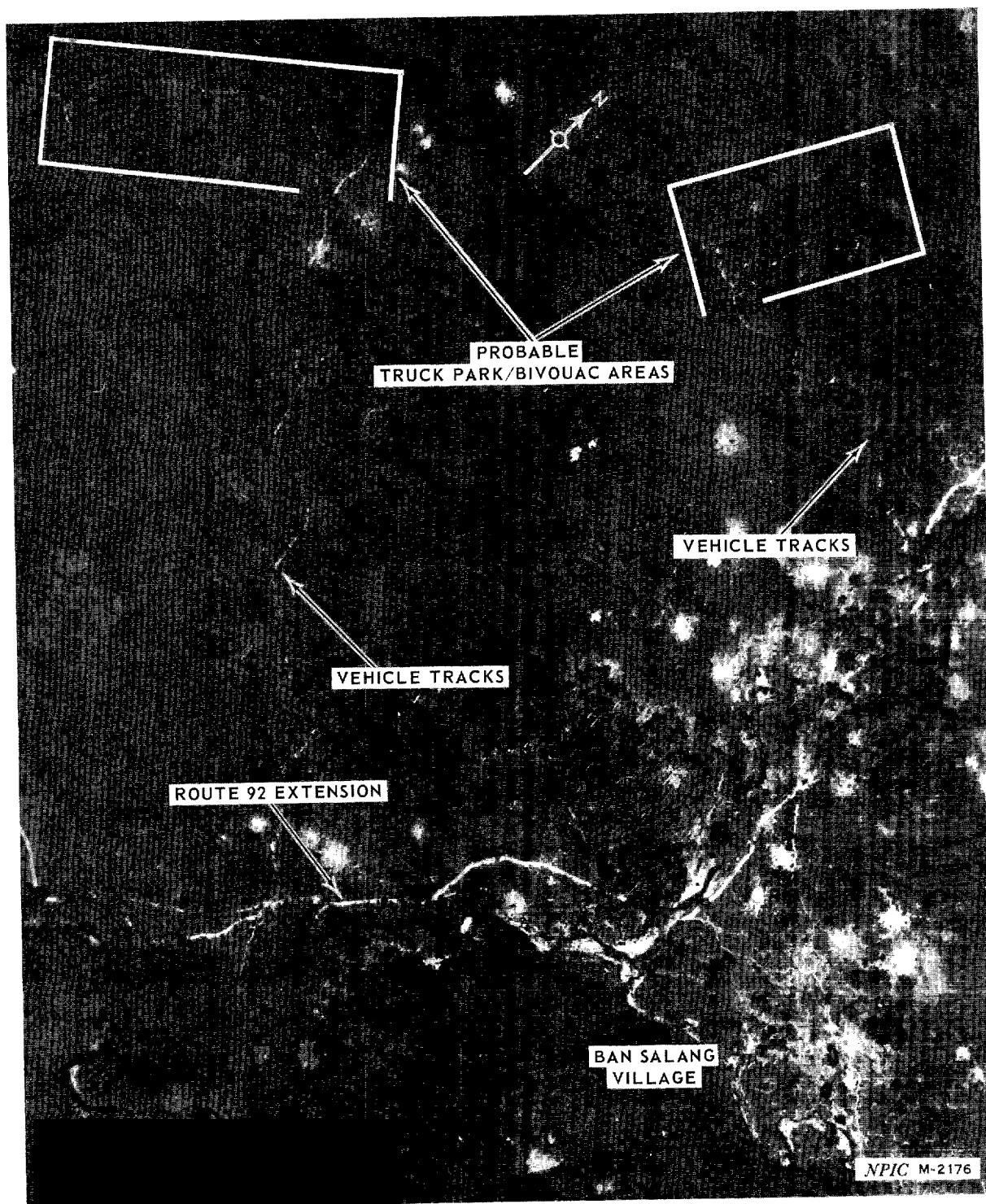


FIGURE 4. PROBABLE TRUCK PARK/BIVOUAC AREAS, BAN SALANG, LAOS

2. Open-wire Telecommunications Traces, Panhandle Area, Laos

Four new open-wire telecommunications traces have been identified in the Laos Panhandle, with one extending into South Vietnam. For convenience the traces are labeled A, B, C, and D in the descriptions below and on the map on page 3.

The first indication of a telecommunications trace was on photography of [REDACTED] when line B was identified in the vicinity of 16-32N 106-17E. Lines A, C, and D were first observed on photography of [REDACTED].

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Original interpretation was made on [REDACTED] photography, but quality and scale precluded identification of any poles or wires. Subsequent low level coverage has revealed poles, crossarms, insulators, and wires being installed on the northern section of line A.

A. This open-wire telecommunications trace is observed from its northern terminus at 16-49N 106-19E [REDACTED] south to 16-34N 106-23E [REDACTED]. From this point a probable trace is observed under construction in the vicinity of 16-31N 106-25E [REDACTED] and 16-31N 106-23E [REDACTED], approximately 2 nm north of line B. The northern end of this line will probably connect with the existing DMZ line which ends near the Laos/South Vietnam border at 16-53N 106-31E [REDACTED]. Poles are intermittently observed on the northern segment of this line between 16-41N 106-23E [REDACTED] and 16-49N 106-19E [REDACTED]. The poles have a single crossarm with two insulators, both located on one side of the arm. A short section of dual wire is also observed at [REDACTED] but this appears to be only an isolated section of advanced construction. (See Figures 5 and 6).

B. This 70 nm trace generally parallels Routes 914 and 92, maintaining a 1-3 nm distance from the road. It extends from 16-41N 106-00E [REDACTED], 7 nm west of Sepone, to 15-54N 106-41E [REDACTED], 6 nm northwest of Ban Bac.

C. An open-wire telecommunications trace is intermittently observed extending north from line B at 16-23N 106-32E [REDACTED]. The trace turns east, paralleling the Tom Rou (River), and continues through the village of Pe Rieng at 16-26N 106-37E [REDACTED], terminating approximately 0.3 nm from the Laos/South Vietnam border at 16-27N 106-40E [REDACTED] (Figure 7).

D. The fourth trace, possibly an extension of Line C, generally parallels Route 922 in Laos and continues into South Vietnam. It is intermittently observed from the limit of interpretable photography of approximately 16-20N 106-47E [REDACTED], across Route 922 at 16-15N 106-56E [REDACTED], to the border at 16-17N 107-06E [REDACTED]. From this point

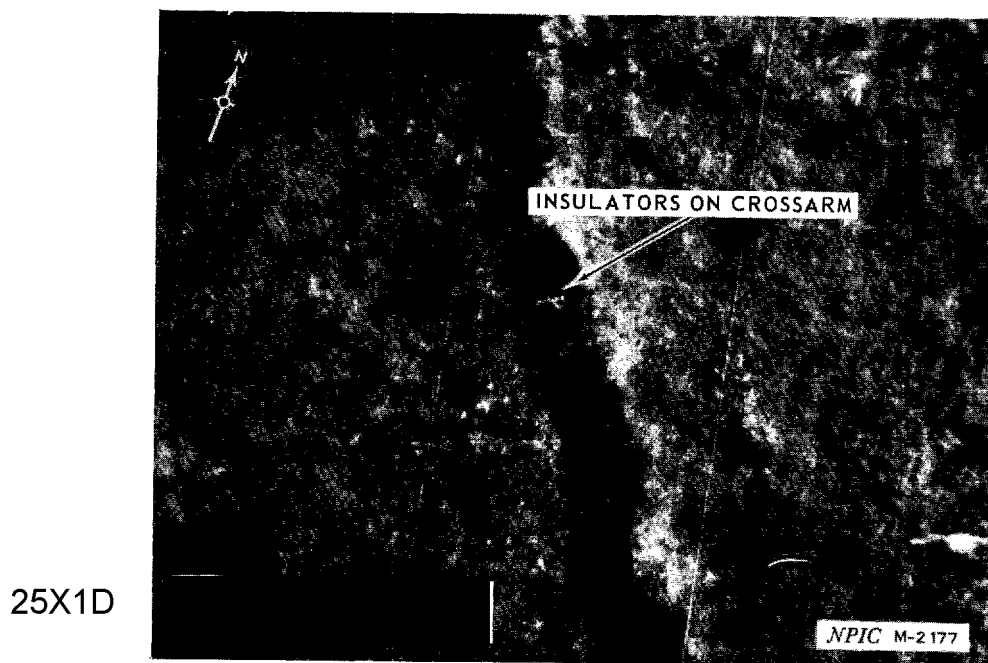


FIGURE 5. TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLE, BAN DINMO AREA, LAOS

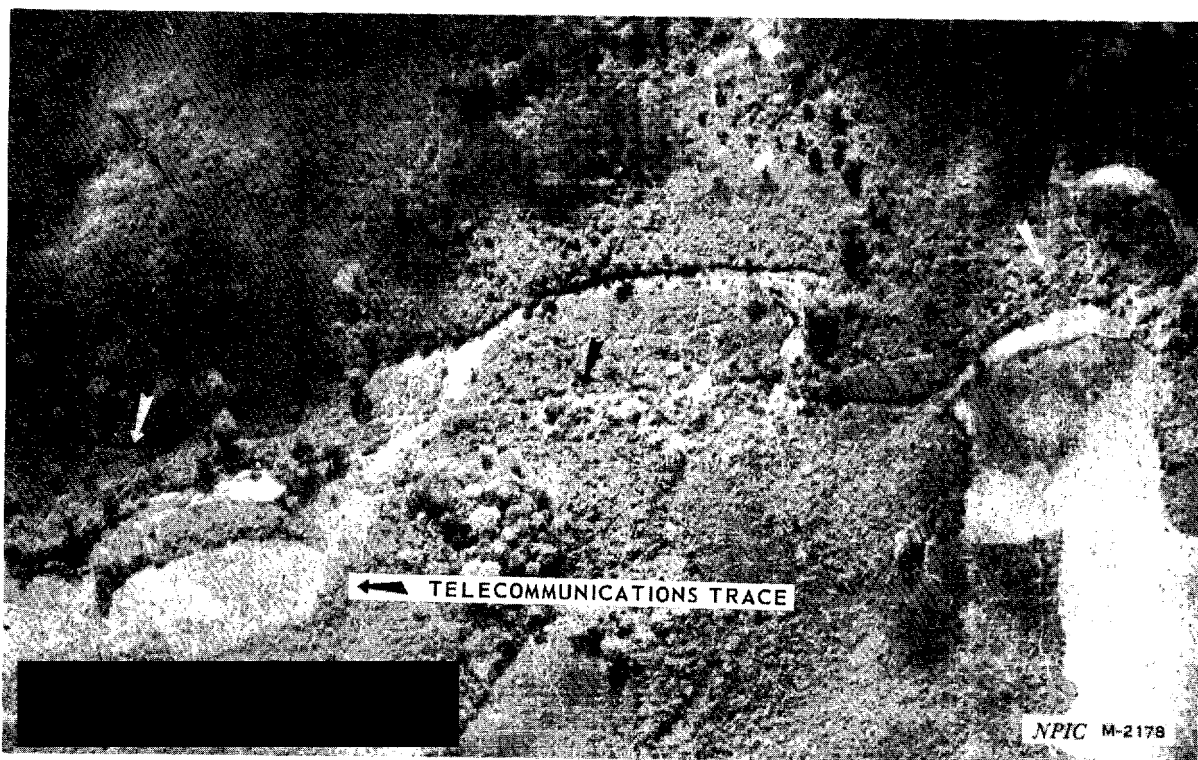


FIGURE 6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE, APPROXIMATELY 9NM NNW OF BAN DONG, LAOS

it extends east-northeast across Route 548 to its apparent terminus at approximately 16-19N 107-11E ([REDACTED]) 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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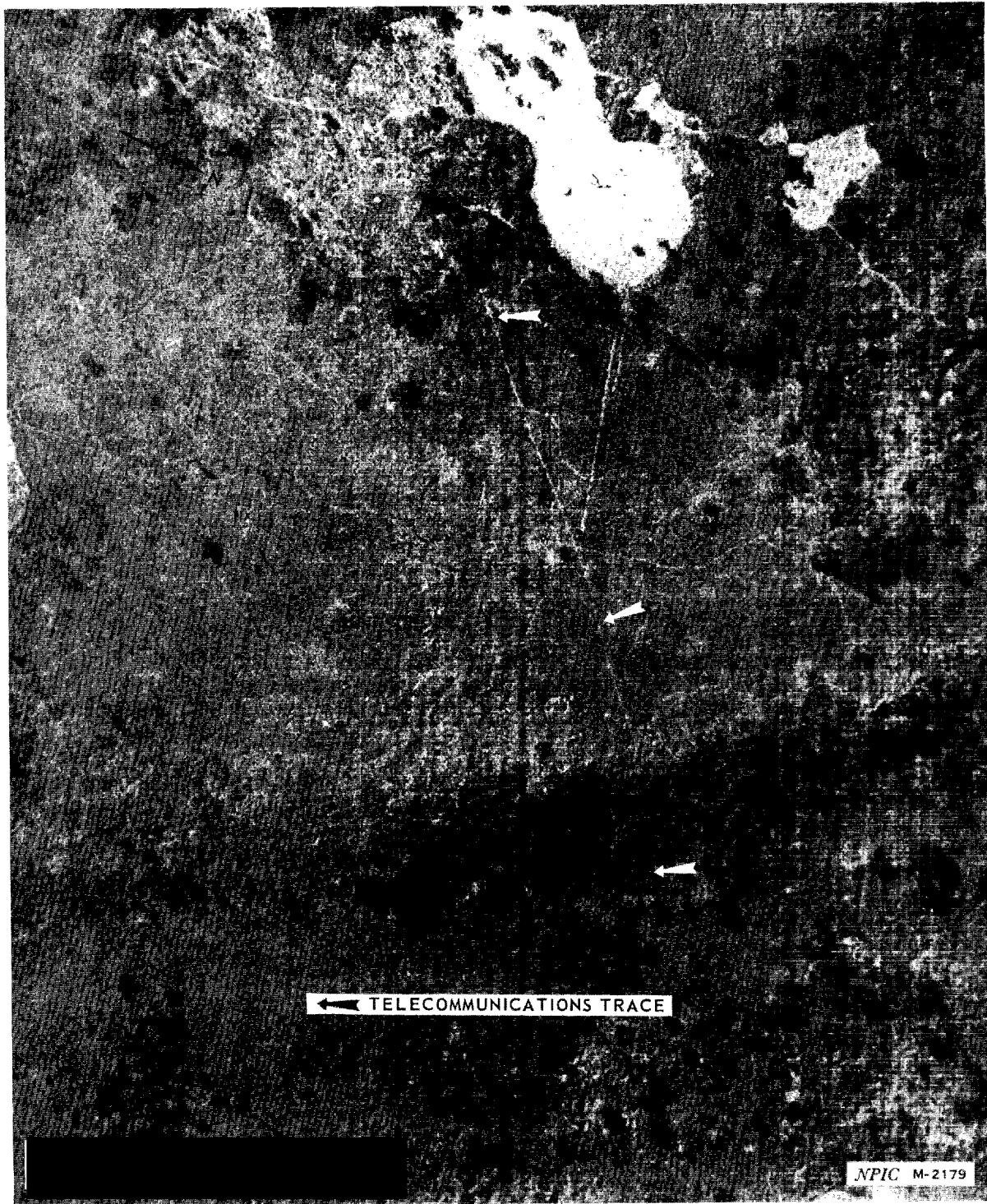


FIGURE 7. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE, APPROXIMATELY 10 NM SE OF BAN HOU EI SANE, LAOS

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3. New Road South of Route 9, Laos/South Vietnam Border Area, Laos

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Newly observed road construction extends east from Route 92 at 16-29N 106-29E [REDACTED] to the Laos/South Vietnam border at 16-29N 106-39E ([REDACTED]). Vehicle tracks are observed east to 16-29N 106-36E [REDACTED]. From this point initial clearing and grading are observed for 3 nm to the border on the west bank of the Se Pone River (Figure 9). Across the river foot trails lead east and north from the Lang Tenouo area.

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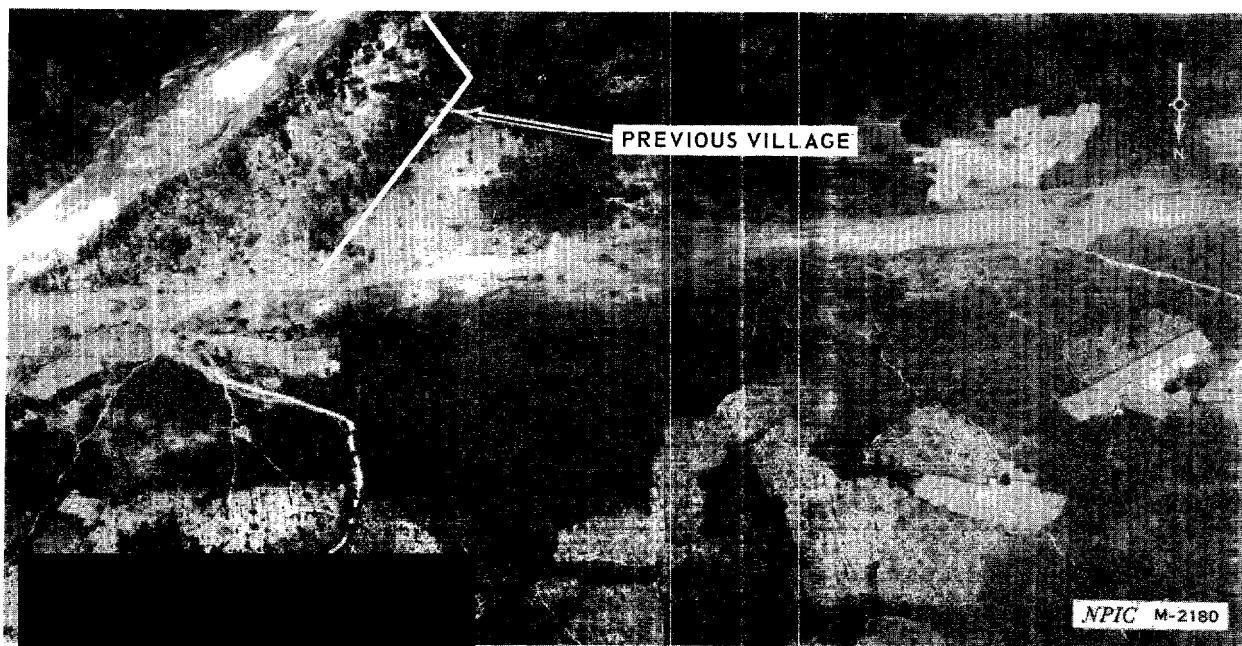
Two probable truck parks and several weapons positions are observed along this road. Probable truck parks are located north of the road at 16-29N 106-32E [REDACTED] and 16-30N 106-33E ([REDACTED]). Five heavy artillery sites are located at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These are served by roads showing a minimum of initial clearing and vehicle tracks (Figure 10). All of the artillery sites have been struck, and one position at [REDACTED] has an overturned 122/152 mm Howitzer (Figures 11 and 12). Five HMCAA sites have a total of 21 positions (17 occupied) in clearings in the area. Ban Houei Sane, a Royal Laotian Army strongpoint, village, and airstrip, was reportedly shelled from weapons in this area prior to being overrun (Figure 8).

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FIGURE 8. OVERRUN AIRFIELD AND VILLAGE, BAN HOU EI SANE, LAOS

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FIGURE 9. ROAD CONSTRUCTION SOUTH OF ROUTE 9, LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER

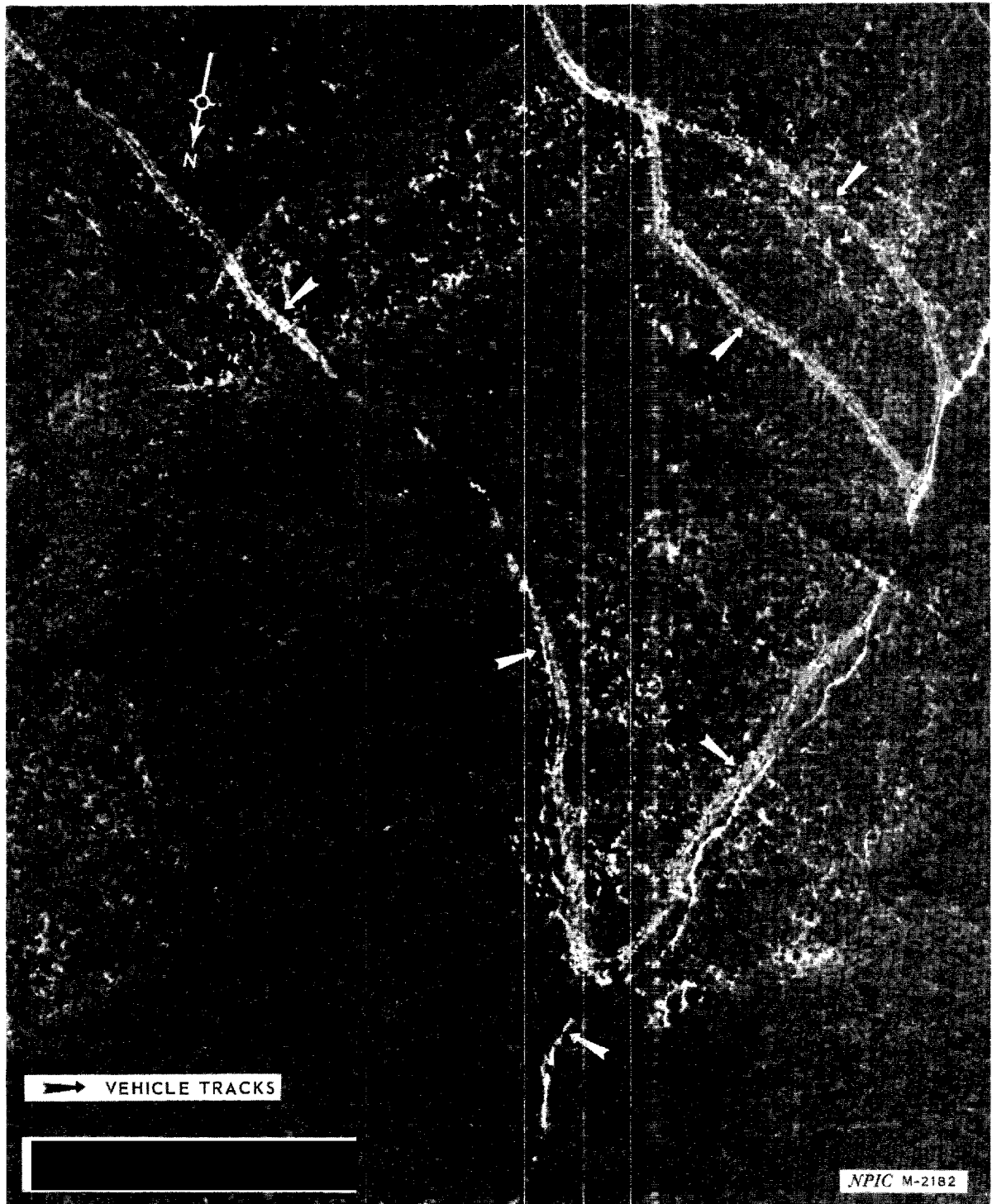


FIGURE 10. NEW ROADS SOUTH OF ROUTE 9, 16-30N 106-34E, LAOS

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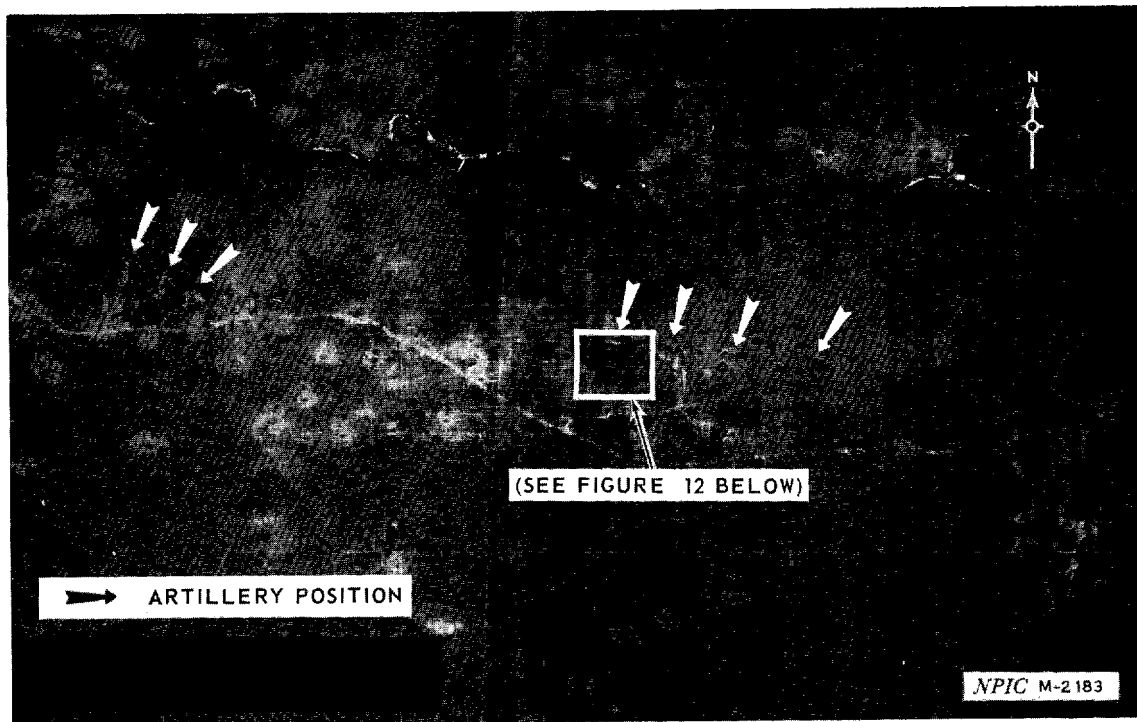


FIGURE 11. ARTILLERY POSITIONS, APPROXIMATELY 6 NM SE OF BON HOUET SANE, LAOS

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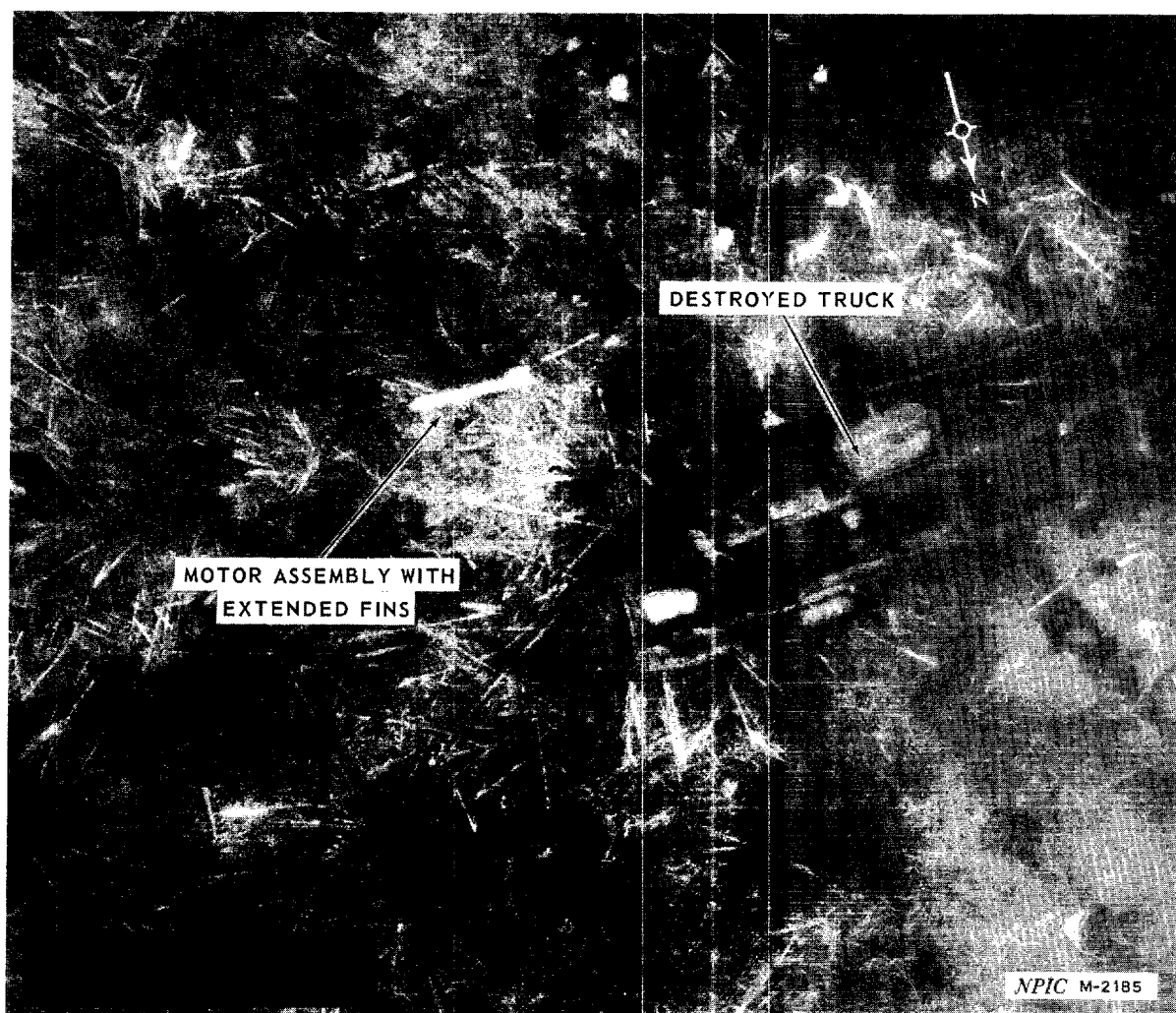
FIGURE 12. OVERTURNED 122/152 MM HOWITZER, APPROX 6NM SSE OF BAN HOUET SANE, LAOS

4. 122 mm Rockets, Route 922, Laos

Observed for the first time in Laos, 122 mm rockets are located at the site of an airstrike on Route 922 at 16-41N 106-51E [REDACTED], 25X1D 14.5 nm from the Laos/South Vietnam border. Scattered in the vicinity of 7 destroyed trucks on both sides of Route 922 are 4 rocket motor assemblies and 17 warheads (Figures 13 and 14). Numerous personnel bunkers and POL storage revetments are also observed along this segment of Route 922.

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FIGURE 13. 122 MM ROCKET, ROUTE 922, LAOS

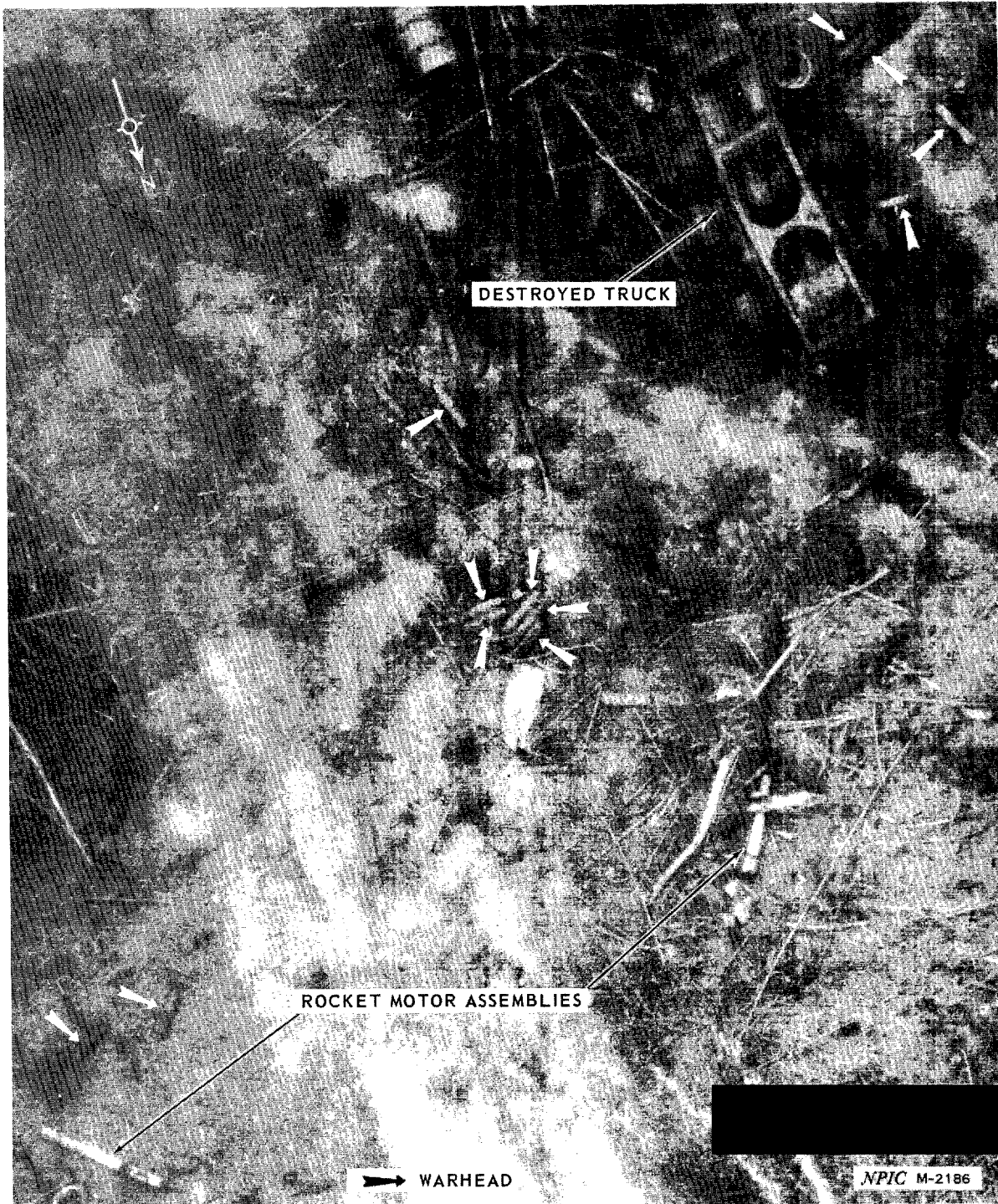


FIGURE 14. 122 MM ROCKETS, ROUTE 922, LAOS

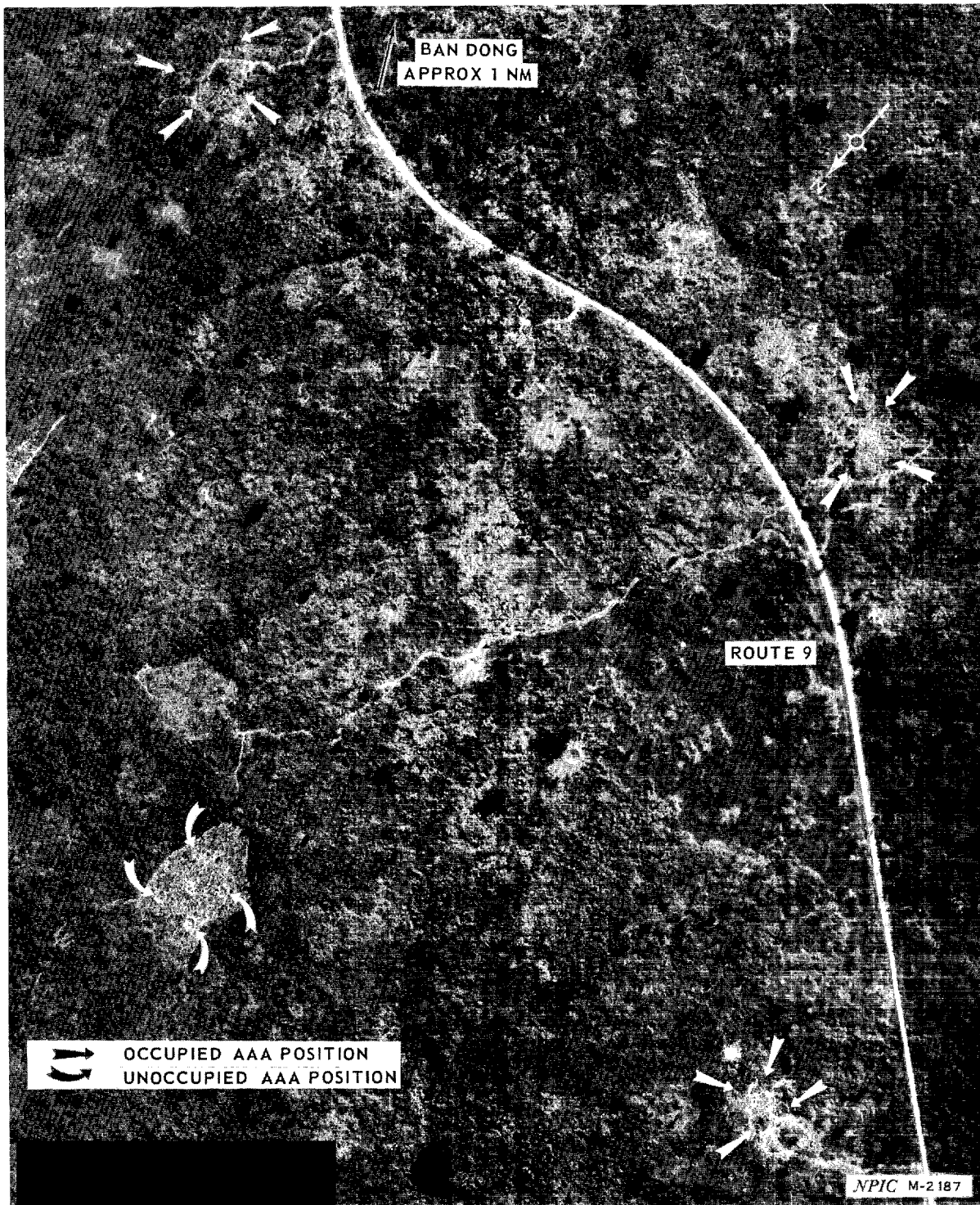
5. Occupied AAA Sites, Ban Dong Area, Laos

25X1D Occupied AAA sites were observed in the Ban Dong area on photography
of [REDACTED] Three sites, each with four light, 37 mm AAA pieces
25X1D were identified along Route 9 at 16-38N 106-24E [REDACTED] 25X1D
[REDACTED] (Figure 15). All positions are revetted and camouflaged.
Heavy trail activity, several unoccupied AAA sites, and numerous AA/AW
positions, foxholes, and trenches were also observed throughout the area.

Route 9 east of Ban Dong is now serviceable with evidence of medium-
to-heavy usage to the Ban Houei Sane area at 16-36N 106-32E [REDACTED] 25X1D
This is the first time this segment of Route 9 has been observed in use
since [REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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FIGURE 15. LIGHT AAA SITES, BAN DONG AREA, LAOS

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6. Vehicle Destruction, Route 914, Laos

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[REDACTED] continually reaffirm the enemy's reliance on nocturnal traffic movement. Nighttime movement does not, however, assure complete impunity from airstrikes.

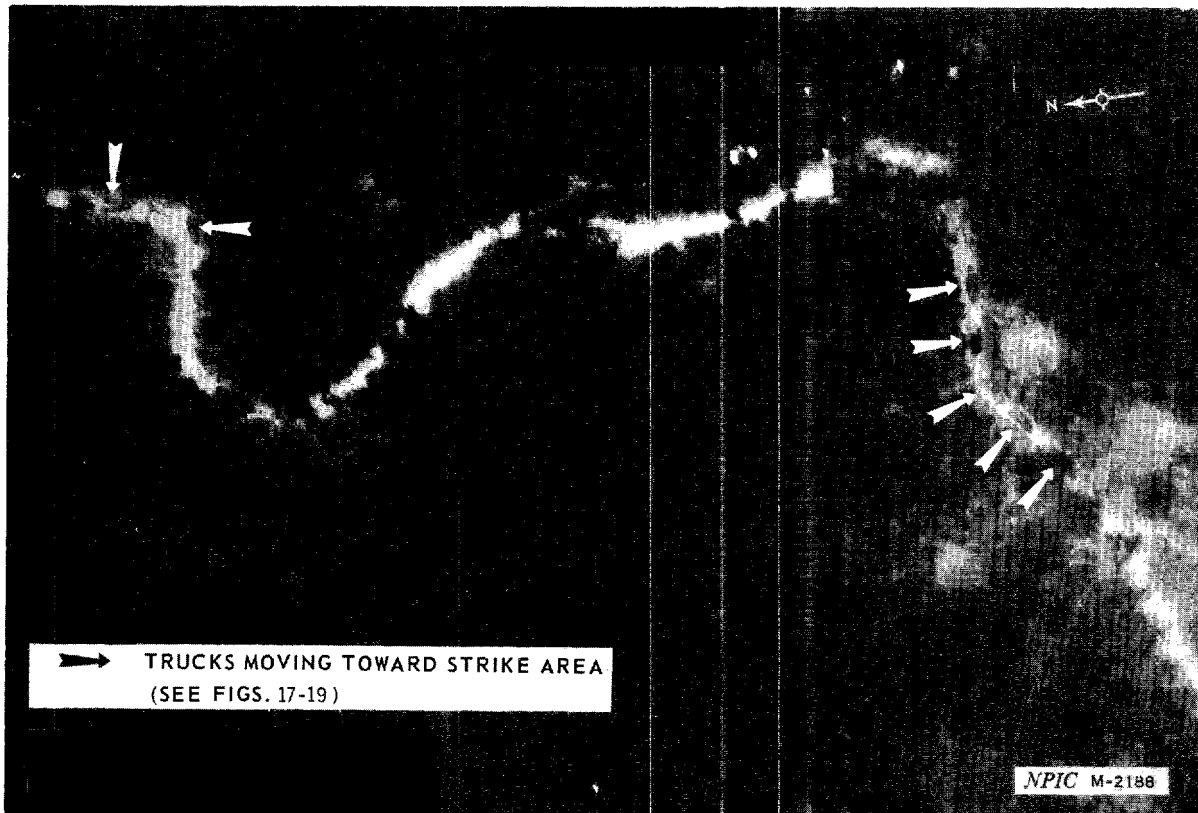
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Figure 16 shows trucks moving south on Route 914 at 16-35N 106-23R ([REDACTED]). An airstrike approximately 200 yards south of this point produces three burning objects (Figures 17 and 18) at [REDACTED] 25X1D. Photography of the next morning confirms 3 burned ZIL 151/157 trucks and a possibly damaged one nearby (Figure 19).

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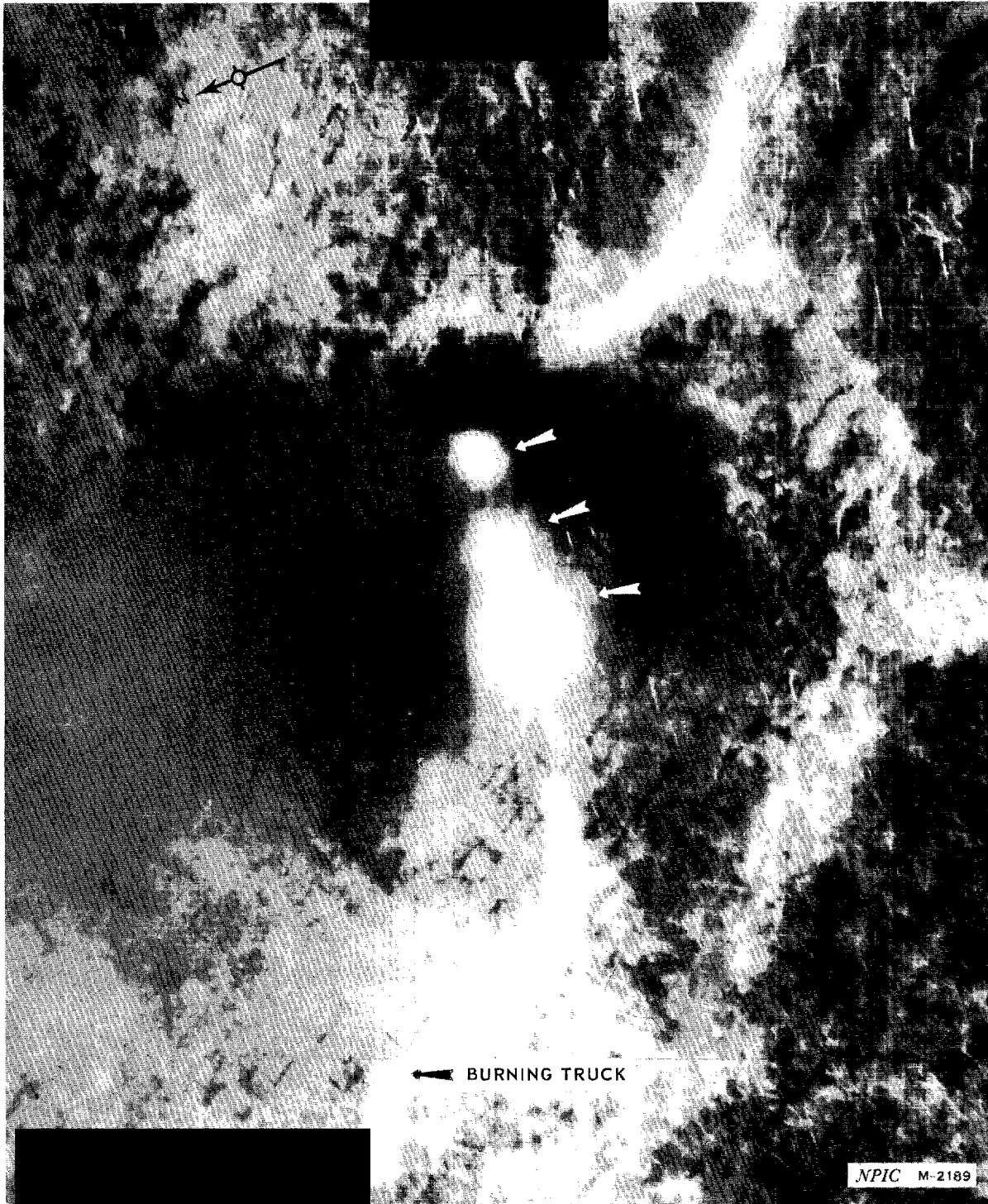
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FIGURE 16. SOUTHBOUND TRUCKS, ROUTE 914, LAOS

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FIGURE 17. BURNING TRUCKS, ROUTE 914, LAOS

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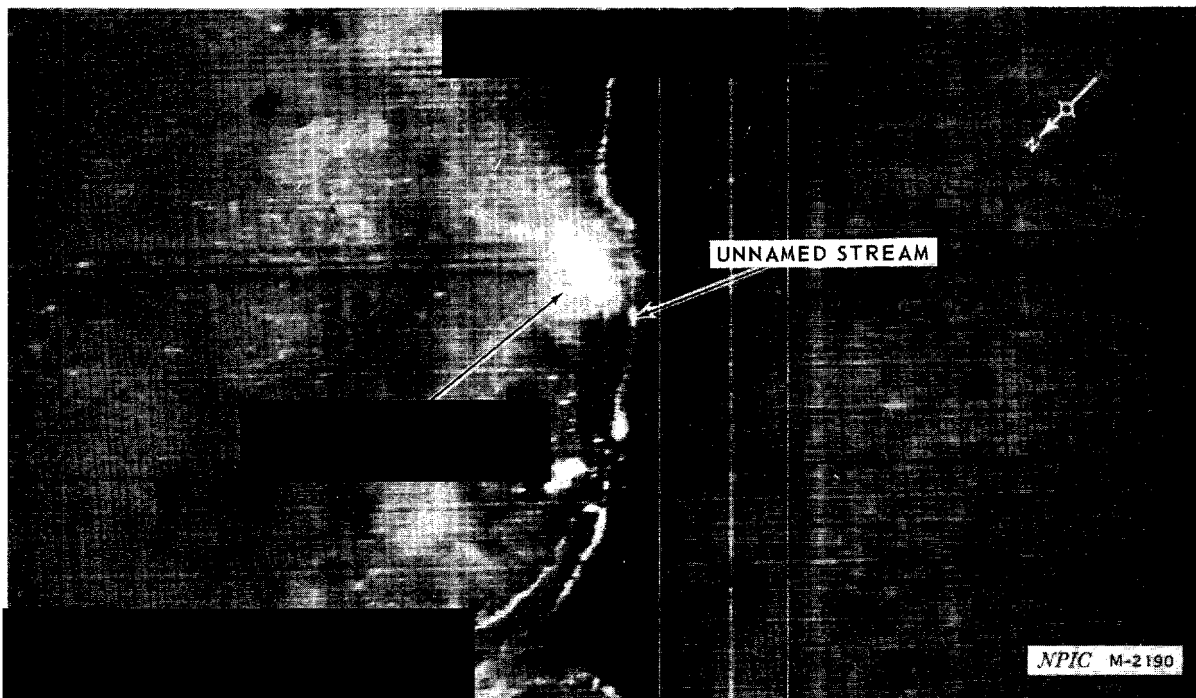


FIGURE 18. BURNING TRUCKS, ROUTE 914 , LAOS

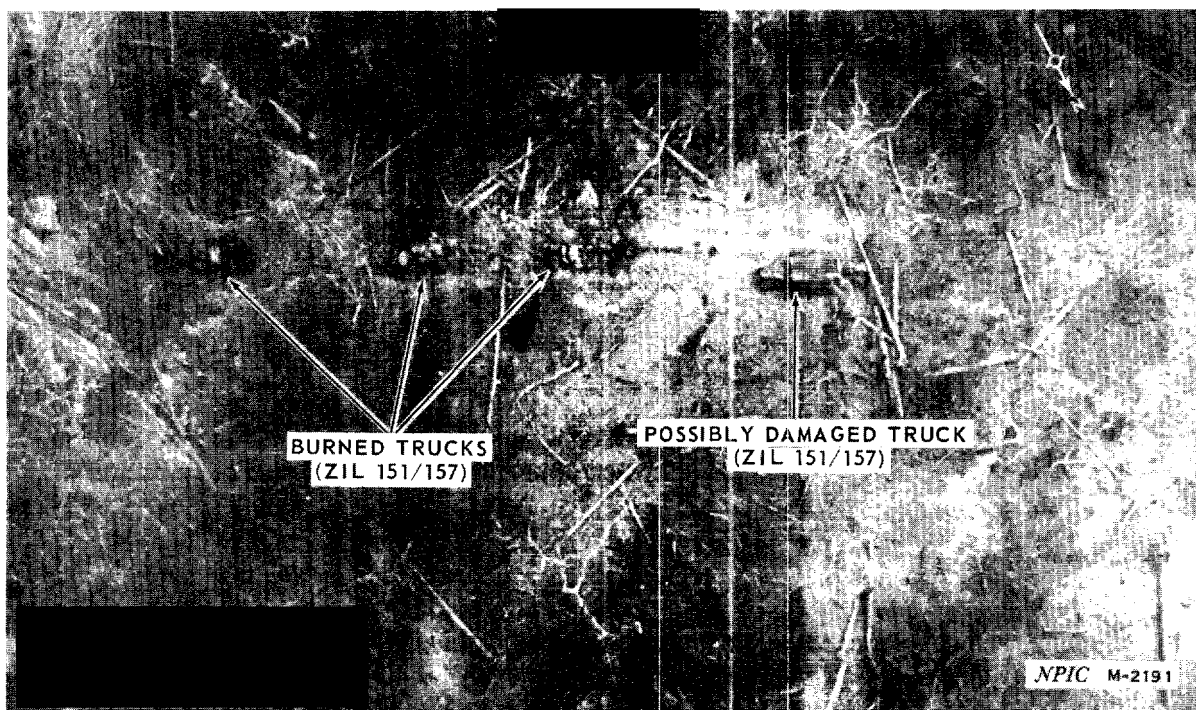


FIGURE 19. BURNED TRUCKS, ROUTE 914, LAOS

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25X1D The following 5 figures are representative of photography from the new
25X1D [REDACTED] system flown under the [REDACTED] program. This
[REDACTED]

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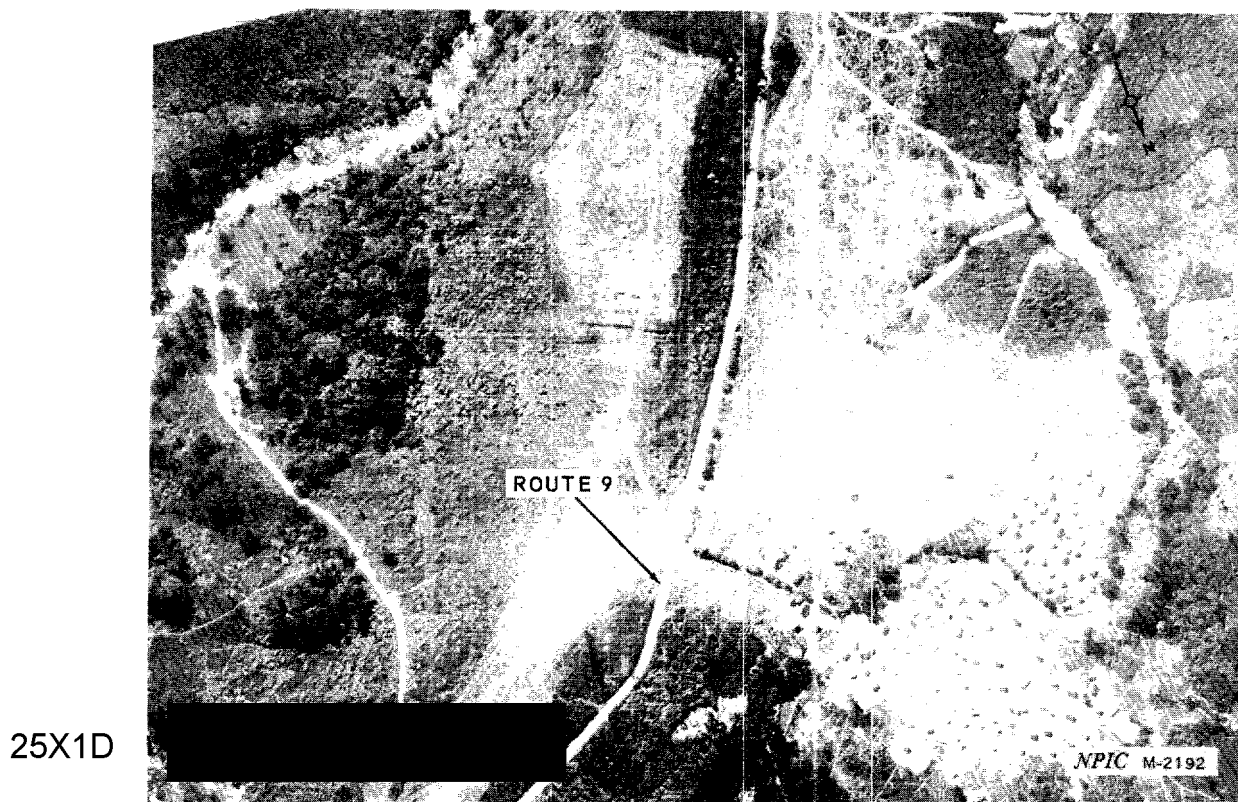


FIGURE 20. CIVIL IRREGULAR DEFENSE CORPS STRONGHOLD (EASTERN PORTION)
LANG VEI, SOUTH VIETNAM

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FIGURE 21. CIVIL IRREGULAR DEFENSE CORPS STRONGHOLD (WESTERN PORTION), LANG VEI, SOUTH VIETNAM

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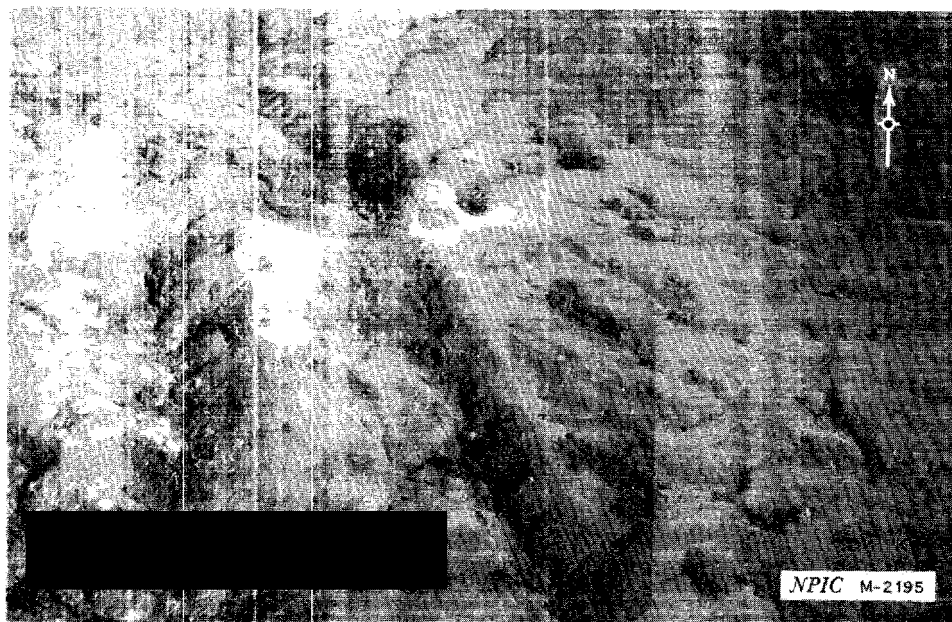


FIGURE 23. U.S. STRONGPOINT, HILL 861, SOUTH VIETNAM

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FIGURE 24. U.S. STRONGPOINT, HILL 881 (S), SOUTH VIETNAM

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